

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

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2d A microphone is disclosed comprising a diaphragm which has a front diaphragm surface on which sound waves impinge and a rear diaphragm surface which is at least partially acoustically separated from the front diaphragm surface, and a sound inlet, through which sound waves can go to the rear diaphragm surface. In order to improve a strongly frequency-dependent frequency response characteristic, ~~which can be achieved by a microphone of that kind,~~ in respect of the directional effect of the microphone, ~~it is proposed that the microphone of the kind set forth in the opening part of this specification~~ includes at least one damping element and the slot-shaped sound inlet forms substantially an acoustic inductance so that at least a part of the sound waves to be picked up is passed with a delay to the rear diaphragm surface.

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